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LONDON FOR AMBASSADOR MARSHALL

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MILI KE US

SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON US ARMS TO KENYA

REFS: (A) NAIROBI 7148; (B) NAIROBI 7200

1. NAIROBI STANDARD AND NAIROBI NATION BOTH GAVE FRONT

PAGE BILLING TO STORIES ON U.S. ARMS ASSISTANCE TO KENYA  
BASED UPON WIRE SERVICE STORIES. WHILE STANDARD STORY  
REASONABLY ACCURATE, NATION HEADLINED ITS STORY "KENYA  
TO BUY U.S. WAR PLANES" AND ATTRIBUTED TO U.S. EMBASSY  
IN NAIROBI ERRONOUS STATEMENT THAT "KENYA HAS AGREED TO  
BUY \$5 MILLION WORTH OF AMERICAN WAR PLANES AND OTHER  
ARMS." WE HAVE ISSUED FOLLOWING CLARIFYING STATEMENT  
WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY APPEAR IN TOMORROW'S NATION: QUOTE.  
NO AGREEMENT HAS AS YET BEEN CONCLUDED TO SELL KENYA  
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WARPLANES OR ANY OTHER SPECIFIC U.S. DEFENSE ITEMS.

HOWEVER, A CREDIT AGREEMENT WAS RECENTLY CONCLUDED WHICH  
COULD BE USED TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF DEFENSE ITEMS  
IF A SALE IS CONSUMMATED. UNQUOTE.

2. BOTH FINANCE MINISTRY PERMSEC NG'ANG'A AND ACTING  
DEFENCE MINISTRY PERMSEC GITONGA PHONED ME TO EXPRESS  
THEIR DISMAY AND APPREHENSION OVER PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S  
POSSIBLE REACTION TO THESE PRESS REPORTS. APPARENTLY THEY  
HAD NOT BRIEFED HIM FULLY ON DISCUSSIONS WITH USG RE  
POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF USED F-5A AIRCRAFT, PREFERRING TO  
WAIT UNTIL WE MADE A DEFINITE OFFER SO THAT THEY COULD OVER-  
COME HIS EXPRESSED AVERSION TO USED AIRCRAFT BY ASSURING  
HIM THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE SPARE PARTS AND MAINTENANCE  
PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH KAF HAWKER HUNTERS. GITONGA NOW  
FEARS THAT KENYATTA MIGHT REACT ANGRILY TO LEARNING OF  
THESE DISCUSSIONS FROM PRESS AND PERHAPS ORDER ALL NEGOTIA-  
TIONS STOPPED. AS OF C.O.B. AUGUST 20 I WAS UNABLE TO  
LEARN WHETHER PRESS STORIES HAD AS YET COME TO KENYATTA'S  
ATTENTION.  
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